

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission

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DECISION

TOPIC Chapter 99 Wild Turkey Fall Hunting: NOIA

The Commission is requested to approve this Notice to amend Chapter 99, Wild Turkey Fall Hunting. This chapter gives the regulations for wild turkey fall hunting and includes season dates, bag limits, possession limits, shooting hours, areas open to hunting, licensing procedures, means and methods of taking, and transportation and reporting requirements.

The proposed change reduces the quota for fall turkey season in portions of Iowa where turkey brood surveys indicate turkey production has been below average. It also removes the option for a third fall turkey license.

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March 12, 2009

Attachment: Chapter 99 Wild Turkey Fall Hunting NOIA

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION [571]

Notice of Intended Action

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code subsection 455A.5(6), the Natural Resource Commission hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 99, "Wild Turkey Fall Hunting," Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendment reduces the quota for fall turkey season in portions of Iowa where turkey brood surveys indicate turkey production has been below average. It also removes the option for a third fall turkey license.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendment on or before April 29, 2009. Written comments may be directed to the Wildlife Bureau's website at www.iowadnr.com or may be sent to the Wildlife Bureau Chief, Department of Natural Resources, Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034; fax (515)281-6794. Persons who wish to convey their views orally should contact the Wildlife Bureau at (515)281-5034 or at the Wildlife Bureau offices on the fourth floor of the Wallace State Office Building. Also, there will be public hearings held at 18 locations via the Iowa Communications Network on April 29, 2009. Interested persons should contact the Department at (515)281-5034 for a list of hearing locations or go to the Department's website at www.iowadnr.com. At the hearings, persons may present their views either orally or in writing. Persons attending the hearing will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the amendments.

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments should contact the Department of Natural Resources and advise of specific needs.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 481A.38, 481A.39, 481A.48 and 483A.7.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 99.2(3) as follows:

99.2(3) Number of licenses. No one may apply for or obtain more than two wild turkey fall hunting licenses, whether free or paid, ~~prior to November 1~~. A hunter may obtain no more than two combination shotgun-or-archery licenses, or two archery-only licenses, or one of each. ~~Beginning November 1, a hunter may obtain an additional paid combination shotgun or archery license if quotas are not filled.~~ One license of either type may be free to eligible landowners or tenants.

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 99.5(1) as follows:

99.5(1) Combination shotgun-or-archery licenses. A limited number of paid combination shotgun-or-archery licenses will be issued by zone as follows:

- a. Zone 4. ~~4,500~~ 1,500
- b. Zone 5. ~~700~~ 650
- c. Zone 6. ~~3,000~~ 1,400
- d. Zone 7. ~~400~~ 250
- e. Zone 8. 150
- f. Zone 9. 200

Date

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